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MIAA set to expand

BY TROY APOSTOL
Sports Editor

Last July 10, the cornerstone which marks the beginning of a stronger Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association conference was set. On that date, 24 faculty members from current member schools approved an act allowing entry of four more schools into the MIAA.

Almost a week later it was announced that Missouri Western State College, Pittsburgh State University, Missouri Southern University and Washburn University had been voted into the conference.

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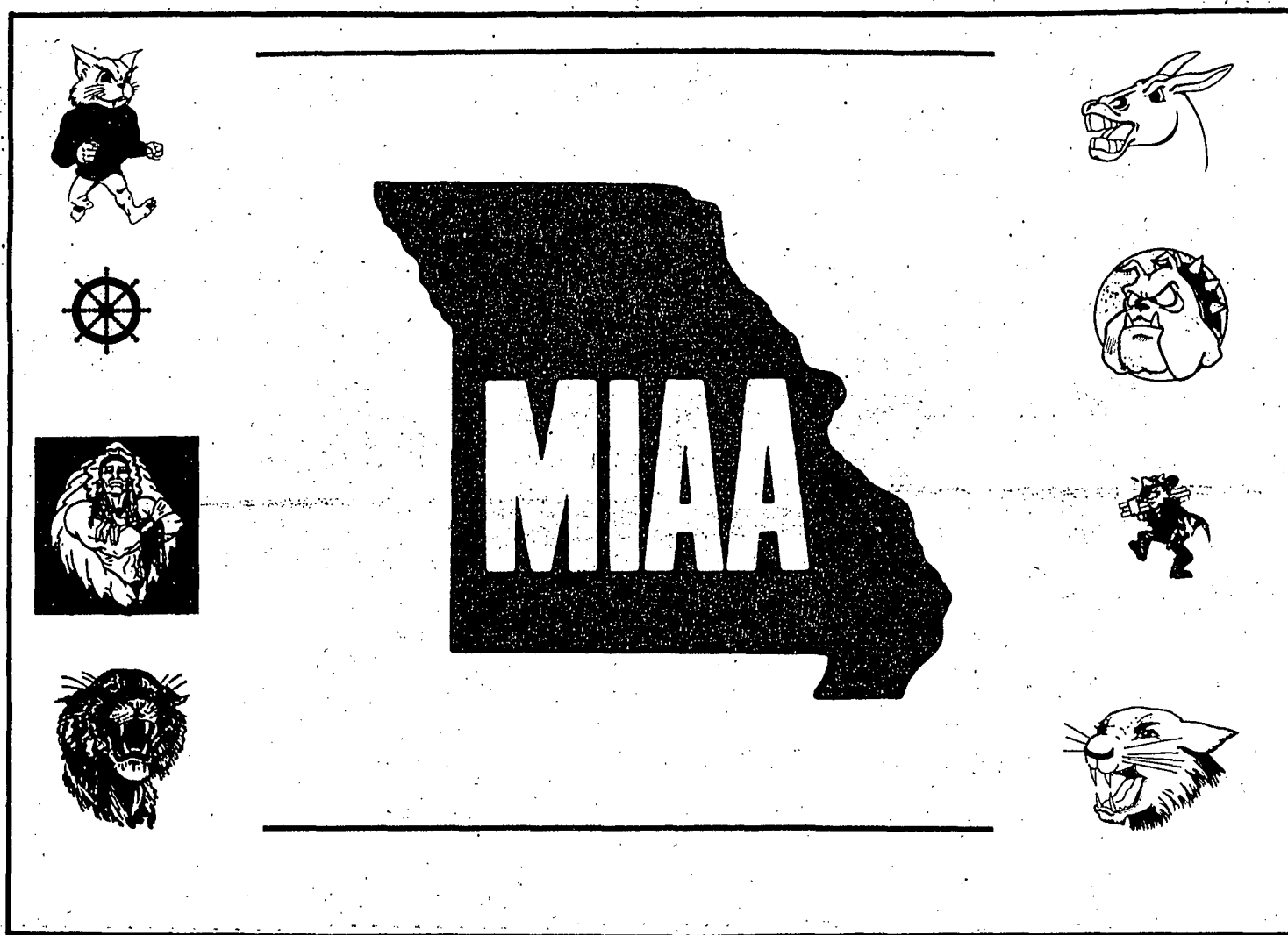
The addition raises the number of schools competing in the conference to 12. The four new institutions will join with the eight current members, Northwest, Central Missouri State University, Lincoln University, Northeast Missouri State University, Southeast Missouri State University, Southwest Baptist University, the University of Missouri-Rolla and the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

The move has prompted MIAA commissioner Ken Jones to predict that the conference will soon be one of, if not the best, NCAA Division II conference in America.

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Jones sees four areas that the expansion will improve. First, scheduling will not be a big problem due to the fact that the majority of games will be played against schools in the conference.

A school's football schedule, for example, will include 10 conference games and only one non-conference game. The University of Missouri-St.



Current members of the MIAA conference (clockwise, from the top), Central Missouri State, Northeast Missouri State, University of Missouri-Rolla, Southwest Baptist, Lincoln University, Southeast Missouri State, University of Missouri-St. Louis and Northwest Missouri State, will welcome four new members into the MIAA beginning in the 1989-90 school year.

Louis does not have a football team, so 11 MIAA schools will be competing in the sport.

A second benefit of the expansion will be the increase in media coverage of the MIAA. A third benefit will be the interest that will grow due to the fact that schools will be competing against local institutions that are in their conference.

The fourth benefit of the expansion, as Jones sees it, will be that the level of competition in the MIAA will grow to a point whereby the conference could enjoy a national level of sports dominance and recognition.

For the MIAA, the transition from becoming "just another NCAA Div. II conference" to a Division II "potential power-

house" did not happen overnight.

Dr. John Mees, vice-president for administrative and student affairs at Northwest, and also president of the MIAA, recalls the quest for conference expansion began as early as 1969.

In the early 1970's the conference was trying to attract Missouri Western and Missouri Southern to the conference. But both institutions found the NAIA, a national athletic association, to be less restrictive and both schools felt that there was a greater opportunity to expand.

In the mid to late-1970's the conference was approached by three more schools about possibly joining the MIAA.

"We did a review of those three institutions," Mees said. "(We) determined that because of distance (from the University of Central Arkansas) because of breadth of program (at Evangel College) and because of Quincy not playing football we decided not to pursue asking them to fill out an application (to join the MIAA)."

The conference continued its search for new members, and during 1978-1980, the University of Missouri-St. Louis was accepted. However, its sister school, the University of Missouri-Kansas City, did not meet certain requirements and was turned down.

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STROLLER

BY
MOLLY ROSSITER



Cold sufferers bring out the worst in our Stroller

It couldn't have happened at a worse time. I was standing in line at the local grease pit, anxiously awaiting my turn to order. I finally made it to the counter and was ready to give the person my order. I opened my mouth to speak but no words came out. Instead I seemed to choke on my idea. It started off as little choking sounds and suddenly erupted into the largest coughing fit of the century.

I began to panic. I knew these kinds of things happened to other people but I never dreamed that it would happen to me. I've been stricken by the biggest pest of the fall and winter season. I, Your Stroller, have joined the multitudes of students in their fight against The Common Cold.

This "cold" thing is a new concept for me-I've spent the better part of my life watching while others sneezed, sniffled and coughed. When I first discovered that I had a cold I was wary of doing anything to let anyone know my dilemma. I was so sure that I'd cough wrong or that my sneezes would come out funny. I soon learned, however, that no one really cares. If they did, surely someone would say something to the girl sitting in the back of the classroom who is sucking in her sniffles all during class. Or maybe to the guy who blows his nose in the middle of the most important part of lecture?

One thing that really annoys me about the average "sickie" is that he thinks everyone wants to hear about his illness. Without an invitation this person will walk up to anyone who will listen and start in on how long he was up coughing the night before, how high his temperature got or how many boxes of tissue he went through in one day. Big deal. You know I get up every morning and look forward to all the people who will come tell me about their every ache and pain. Please, tell me more.

Another thing that has always bothered me about these "sickies" is their obvious lackadaisical attitude toward appearance. These people actually run around campus with their eyes all red, puffy and watery and their noses all swollen and red. Can't they do something about that? And their clothes! It could be 85 degrees outside and these weirdos are wearing sweaters and jackets. It's like they want to be a walking sauna or something. I think I'd prefer to run into Frankenstein in a dark alley than someone with a red, puffy face with tons of clothing on.

Most of these people carry a box of tissues around with them, and that's all right. What grosses me out are the people who use those cloth handkerchiefs and then put them back in their pocket. Don't they realize what they are doing? Maybe the sickness has distorted their mind. I hope mine doesn't get that bad.

Have you ever tried talking to one of these people on the telephone? I feel like I'm talking to Sylvester Stallone or something.

Most of their consonants sounds the same-like ds-their voice gets about two or three octaves lower, and all their words are slurred. And of course they get so lonely that they want to talk forever. How do you tell someone that you really don't want to talk because you can't understand them without hurting their feelings?

Becoming one of these people is a scary thought. Trying to picture myself making obscene noises in class or dressing out of season or, and I don't see it happening, carrying around a used tissue just doesn't sit right. Maybe I'll wait and try this "cold" thing next year. I can do that, can't I?



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'Libraphobia'—observe caution against this rampant disease

I have finally arrived at the conclusion that the most "anti-cool" place to be on campus is the library. Now, before I go any further, I might say that the staff of the library has always been highly cooperative and efficient. So keep up the good work folks.

But I usually try to shun the library as much as possible. One might think I had



BY TERRY ALEY
Managing Editor

an isolated form of 'libraphobia.'

Symptoms of this paralyzing plague include terror of any building totally sealed off on all three floors from the outside world (except for the front doors) to an occasional but persistent cough resulting from the inhalation of remnants of last year's fiberglass particle fallout.

Or one may just feel self-conscious, experiencing a little paranoia or fear of being seen walking in or out of the library. Really, who would want anyone to know that they actually spend time there studying. Imagine the stigma!

Then there are those mirrors—everywhere. When I walk in, I usually look at the ground because someone walking behind me might think I was staring at them while they were walking behind me. But that goes back to one of those classic symptoms, paranoia.

And another thing, has anyone else

out there ever tried to make a copy of something in the library? I walk over to the copy machine, insert nickel, and it comes back out at the bottom. I can only assume one thing, the machine is out of paper. "So that's how I got to the copy machine without waiting in line," I tell myself.

Then there are those people you get behind who stand there with a roll of quarters in one hand, and a book the size of an American Historical Survey text in the other. In these cases, its best to just move on to the next copier because that machine is either going to run out of paper or you're going to run out of time.

Another brilliant feature in there is the elevator, equipped with braille facilities. Now, it could just be me, but doesn't it seem somewhat illogical for a library to do this when their entire livelihood depends on a person being able to detect letter images with their eyes? But then again, if I buy a large drink from McDonald's, I am supplied with a braille "drink distinguisher" on the top to help me tell if I've got say a diet or a regular drink. Why can't they just taste each others' drinks like the rest of us?

But don't get me wrong. I'm not against helping out our handicapped people. I'm more worried for the person who selected orange "shower texture" steps and the person who put all of the books, the ones that everyone always needs, way up on the third floor. I either have to look a little tacky and lazy and take the elevator, or I have to walk up three floors of those orange steps to get to the only books I ever seem to need.

In the meantime, I'm just going to sit back and wait for the day when it's my turn, with all ears alert, the alarm goes off on me because they forgot to demagnetize the books I checked out. Oh, well, c'est la vie.

How to make a perfect soul connection by way of computer

Okay, so you're sick and tired of the same old bars and the thought of standing on a street corner doesn't appeal highly in your favor either. Just too shy to be on the Northwest's Dating Game, or you've been on it so many times they consider you a regular? So what are your alternatives?

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So you say, "Great idea in theory, but what about in practice?" Everyone knows the people who get themselves involved in one of those services are so desperate they can't possibly be good "mate" material. And those less desirables who run these shady services are only using your name, weight, rank, hobbies and eye color for their own selfish needs—to make a very fast buck.

But humor me for one moment, and try to imagine yourself using one of these services. You get the application making the assumption many people have been blissfully united with their perfect soul mate through this method. The questions they ask in those things are fairly basic. You know the type. Let's take a couple of these in consideration to get a complete and thorough overview of this intriguing subject.

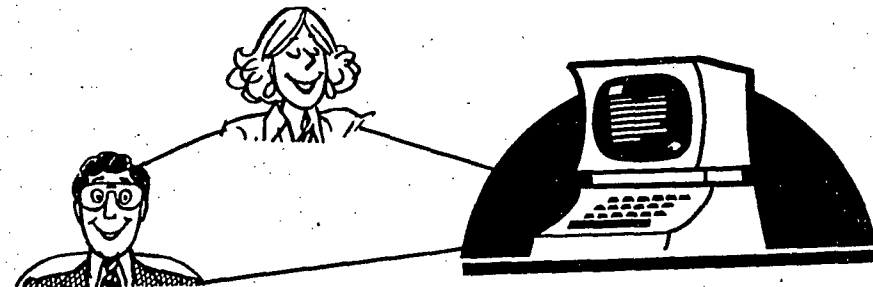
Question number 1: What are your interests?

One has to be careful when answering this sort of question. You

never want to put down something like stamp or foreign currency collecting or writing poetry. Always answer a question like this with something simple and straight to the point—worldly travel, yacht sailing or collecting Van Goghs. Of course, it's better safe than sorry.

Question number 2: Describe your physical characteristics. It's important not to bring any attention to those physical attributes that may scare away the common computer dater. Don't bring out the fact you have a strange bodily pus infection you just can't seem to shake, forget to mention the upper mandible plate deformation and I would even say be quiet about those "personal" rashes those tiny bugs have caused. In this case, you are a model of excellence. Talk about those kinds of things such as your obsession with weight lifting and never forget to mention you spend much of your free time modeling for a local agency. After all, you have been opening quite a few doors lately and don't forget the time you were in a crowd shot in the sports section a few weeks back.

When you follow a couple of these simple suggestions, you are set for a taste of the real world—the exciting life. Finding your perfect compliment in life could be as simple as shading in a bunch of ovals. But, then again...



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"I think the Electronic Campus is fantastic. I feel privileged to be a part of it since it's the first one in the nation. I feel it's going to help us out as students in our future endeavors."

"I think it's really improved the quality of our university and has put us back on the map as one of the leading colleges in Missouri. It's really beneficial to the students, especially the ones who live on campus."

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Program developed to assist student athletes

BY NICK WILLIAMS
News Reporter

A new athletic-academic program has been introduced for the Northwest freshmen this year. The Student-Athlete Success Program was created by Admissions Counselor Nelson Richter and colleague Gene French.

"The program is designed to retain the freshmen," Richter said. Moving from high school to meet the demands of college is usually difficult for any freshman. College is even more troublesome for a freshman student athlete, Richter said.

"Modern athletics require that student participants devote up to 40 hours to that sport per week during the season," Richter said. "If they take 15 hours of academic course work, they spend two to three hours in study per week per academic credit hour, and that's a 70 to 85 hour work week not counting hours in class."

Another factor contributes to student athlete problems. Most student athletes were stars in high school. In college these athletes become members of teams containing other former high school stars. As a result their star status evaporates, creating an identity problem for the athlete, French said.

This year about 150 freshman athletes are participating in the program. The goal of the SASP is to help students overcome the changes they encounter as they begin college life.

"We want to enhance the opportunities our student athletes have for academic success during their university

careers and professional success following graduation," French said.

Last week French conducted a series of seminars aimed at assisting freshman athletes. Topics discussed included time management, organization, test-taking hints, memory techniques, and relationships with instructors. The seminars are voluntary. However, any student who does not maintain a 2.0 grade point average this semester will be required to attend the seminars next spring.

"At the second semester we'll have mandatory workshops and mandatory study halls for those students who

don't have the good GPA," Richter said.

The students have been scheduled for individual counseling times with Richter and French. During these sessions with the athletes they discuss how school is going, as well as how comfortable the student feels with his sport. The counseling sessions began this month and continue through October. Regular grade checks and records of class attendance also play a part in the SASP. The results will be sent directly to the head coaches of each sports department.

In addition, each sport will continue to have their own study hall program to

help meet the needs of their athletes.

The new program is not designed just to keep student athletes eligible to play their sport, French said. The SASP was designed to keep freshman athletes in school.

"We've just got to get the point across to them that it's a service for them," French said. Athletic Director Dick Flanagan said he is pleased with the new program.

"This program is particularly important because it will improve the retention

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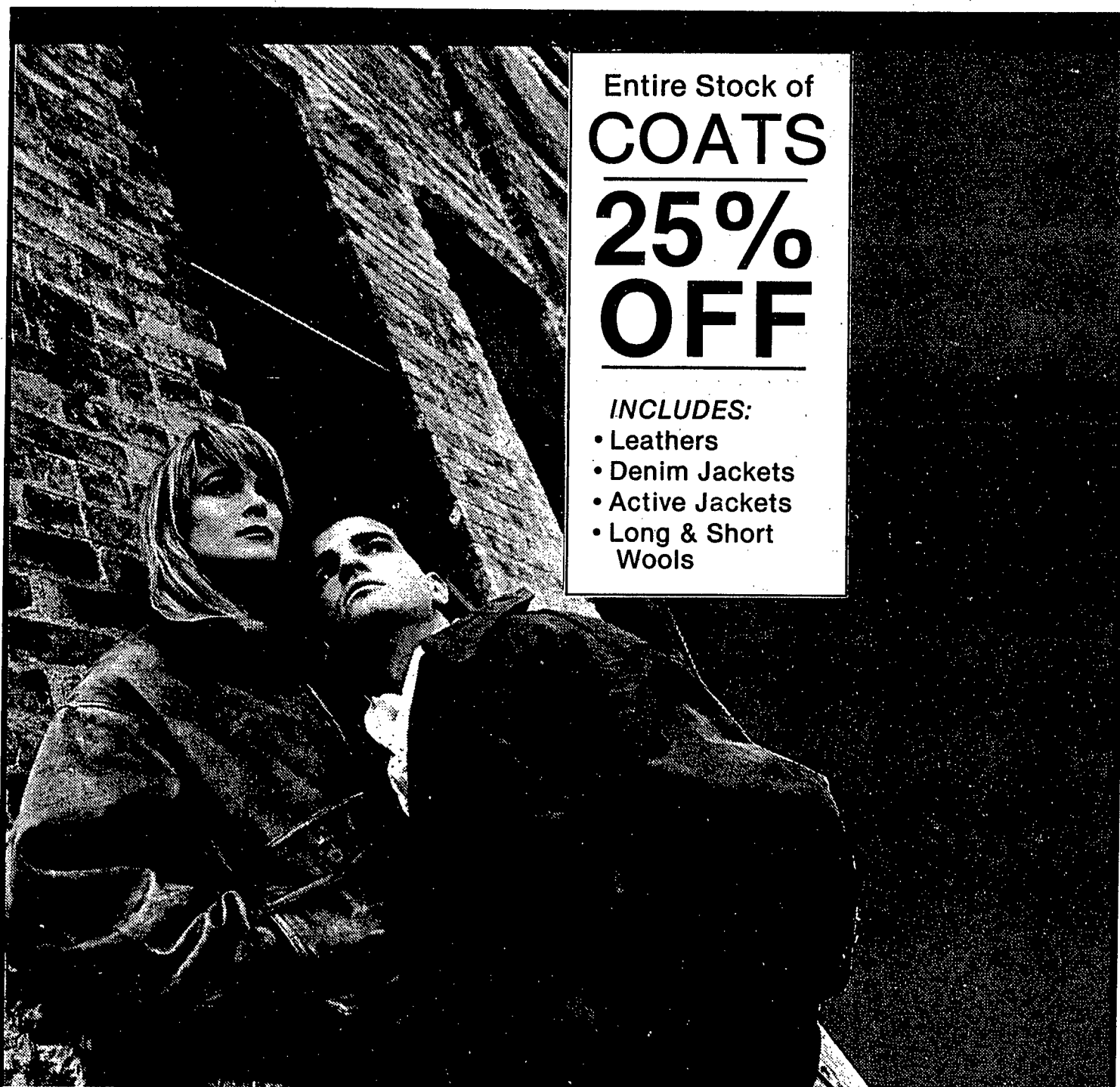
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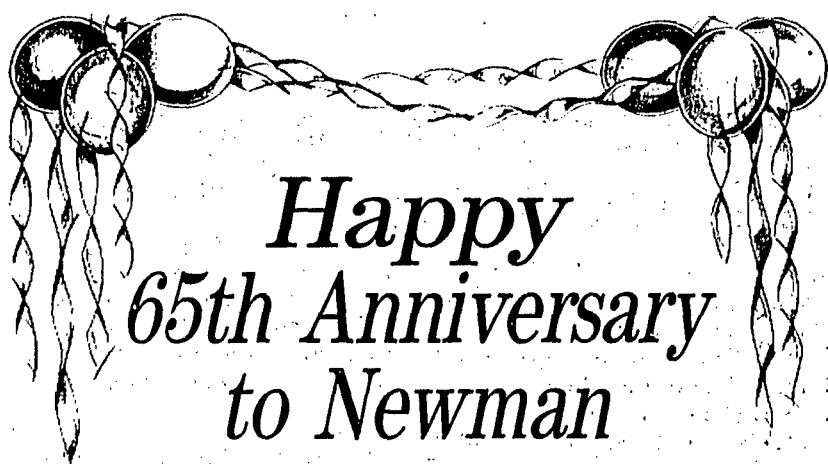
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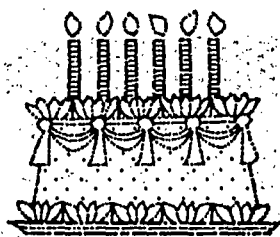
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Electronic Campus not yet ready to open for complete operation

BY KIM SCHENK
News Assistant

With the school year already four weeks underway, many students have experienced waiting problems with the Electronic Campus system.

This is because the system will not be in full operation until the beginning of next month. The Electronic Campus will be considered in full operation after the installation of another main VAX system and with the conclusion of the telephone service installation.

However, with the large usage of the computer, mostly in the mail mode and the abuses of the computer that have occurred, changes have been made in usage times and services which can be preformed.

Elections held to fill vacant Freshmen Senate positions

BY KIM SCHENK
News Assistant

Results of Tuesday's freshman class election are as follows. Tim Coleman has been elected to the position of freshman class president for Student Senate. Melinda Armstrong and Jennifer Willson are the new freshmen senators. The off-campus representative position was filled by Brian Rupe.

For the freshman class, 266 members voted. However, only 26 off campus individuals voted. There were no discrepancies filed during the campaign.

"The race for president was very close, there were two recounts of the ballots, but no other problems," Christy Boyd, Student Senate president said.

"Last week there were 5300 'log ons at one time, a number way above the highest number achieved last year, 800," Dr. Jon Rickman, head of computer services said.

Changes that have occurred are in the 'Show Users' command, which has been abused, and will be replaced by the 'Show Who Has Username' command. Usernames will be added to the student directory in INFO. Mail will also be disabled from 9am to 9pm on weekdays.

"If more complaints continue of the mail being sent containing solicitous messages, more limitations will be considered," Rickman said. "The change in the User command is to make the system more personal and to encourage users to be more responsible."

Athletes

of students and give them a much better chance for academic achievement," Flanagan said. "We need to do all that we can to assist those who come to our programs to stay in school and receive a solid education."

So far students seem to enjoy the program. The seminars went well but the first one was 'a little hairy,' French said. As the students became used to the new program things moved along smoothly. The program is targeted only at freshman students but interested upper class students will also be offered counseling.

"We didn't feel we had the time...to handle all the student athletes so ideally we work only with freshman student athletes," Richter said. Most of the sophomores and all the upperclassmen are capable of functioning in college by themselves, Richter said.

French and Richter started working on the athletic program in April after cut-backs were made in the athletic program because of the recent administrative reallocation.

TKE sponsors students

BY NICK WILLIAMS
News Writer

Children in need of essentials such as food, clothing, and education exist the world over. This year Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity is helping two such children.

TKE is sponsoring two foreign students by means of the Christian Children's Fund. The fraternity is donating eighteen dollars per month for each child, TKE Chaplain Rolf Taylor said.

Most of the money helps pay the child support, family costs and educational costs of the student. In return, TKE receives a picture of each child and pamphlets containing information about the children.

"We can write them letters and everything," Taylor said. "We can have them send us pictures they've drawn in school."

Supaphan Pantsueb is a ten-year-old girl living in Thailand. She is en-

rolled in the third grade and enjoys math.

Pantsueb and her twin brother live with their grandmother. Her parents are divorced and her mother works elsewhere to pay their expenses.

Tai-Ashei, the other child, also lives in Thailand. He is five years old and loves to draw. Tai-Ashei also displays an interest in math. Tai-Ashei lives with his mother and five sisters, but says he hopes to come to America in the future.

Taylor decided TKE should sponsor a foreign child after seeing a commercial for the CCF. "Our families back home sponsor children overseas. The way we felt is that we're a fraternity and it only costs eighteen bucks a month...and eighteen bucks can help save a child overseas."

TKE plans to sponsor both children for at least two years. Taylor is proud to be sponsoring children overseas.

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Addition of four new schools builds up conference

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UMSL was admitted to the conference even though the school did not field a football team, a criterion which kept Quincy College out of the conference.

But the fact that the University of Missouri-St. Louis offered soccer and that their interest in the MIAA provided positive pushed toward their acceptance.

But this move turned out to be a replacement instead of an addition. Following the 1980-81 year, Southwest Missouri State University withdrew from the conference to advance to the NCAA Division I level.

The conference did not experience growth until this past year when Southwest Baptist University was inducted into

the MIAA. This move came after Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville and Quincy College were both turned away.

Expansion, as Jones predicts, will stop when the conference officially becomes a 12-school organization.

All four new schools are currently members of the CSIC conference and the NAIA. They will be allowed into the MIAA only after they are each individually approved into the NCAA, a move which Jones feels will go over smoothly.

To enter into the NCAA, the four schools will have to begin enforcing NCAA regulations this year.

However, the schools are expected to ask for, and be granted, certain regulation waivers due to their current status.

The upcoming entry into the MIAA has seemingly pumped a new attitude in both the conference and the four new inductees.

On the Missouri Western campus, Griffin faithful are proud to tell all that their athletic programs are "on the move".

"On campus every one is real excited about the acceptance," Missouri Western Athletic Director Ed Harris said. "The decision was that we belonged (in the MIAA)."

Harris does not see any major changes coming about when Missouri Western enters into the MIAA.

"Our primary adjustment will be the adjustment to the NCAA rules," Harris said. "Our budget is fairly even (to that of other MIAA schools) and our facilities are on a par with the other schools."

Mees and Jones both agree that the budget and facilities of all four schools is up to MIAA standards.

"We'll be playing teams of fairly equal standing that our fans can identify with," Harris said. "We don't gain a lot by playing non-conference games."

There will be plenty of conference action when the 12-school league is introduced. Of the 10 sports in the league, four of which have competition for both men and women, only one sport, men's tennis, will not have an increase in the number of schools competing.

Currently, Missouri Western offers eight sports, Pittsburg State offers 10, Washburn offers eight and Missouri Southern offers nine sports.

With the added amount of participants, one of the biggest problems of the expansion comes into play. The conference is currently setting up a system to determine how league championships will be handled.

Football, for example, will have 11 schools competing. Men's and Women's Basketball will see participation from all 12 schools.

Jones believes these will be the only sports where possible conflicts could arise.

"If it is decided with Basketball, we would play 22 conference games," Jones said. "The NCAA has a limit of 28 (games) so that would leave six non-conference games."

The NCAA requires that basketball

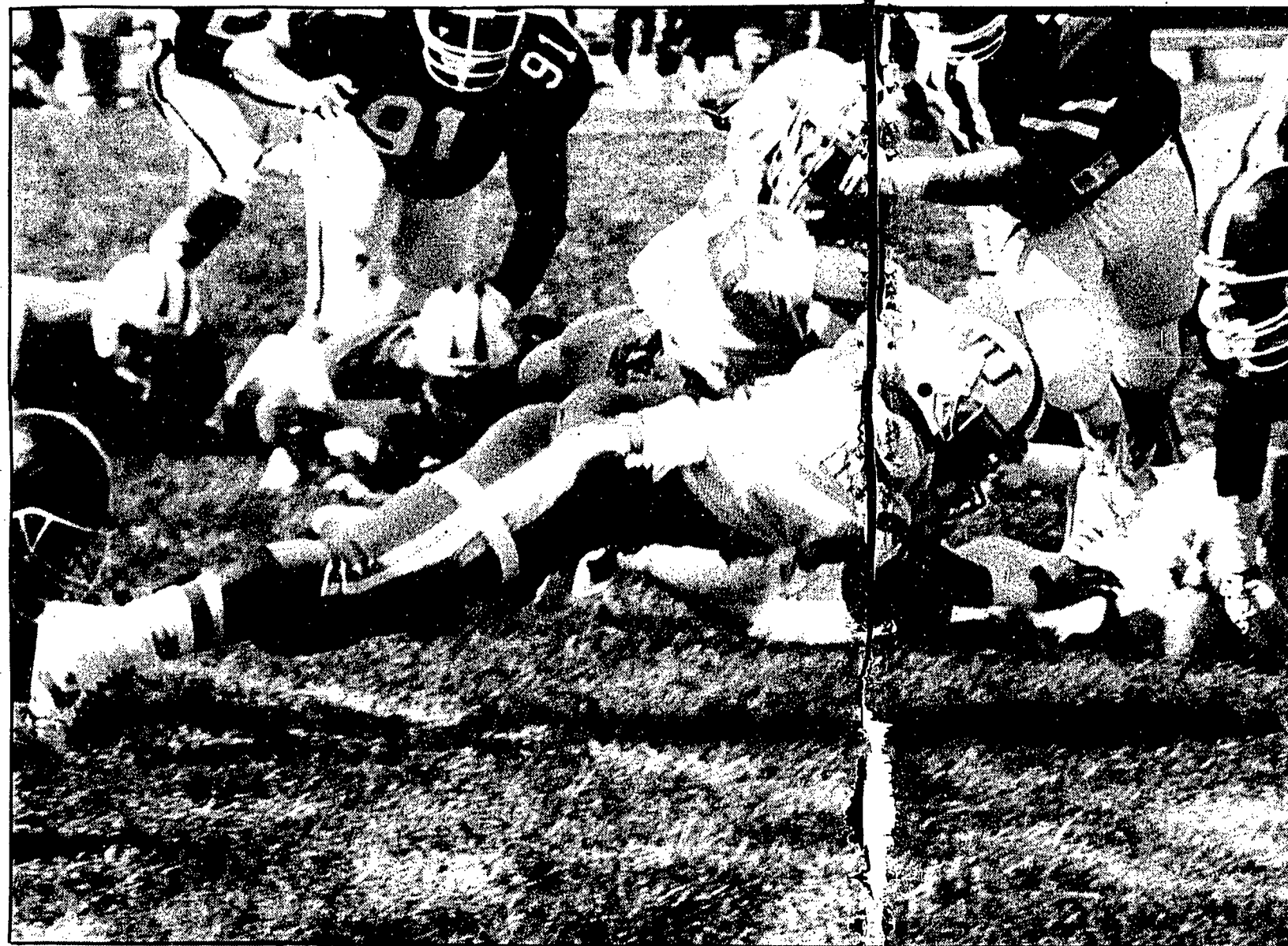


Photo by Scott White

Beginning in 1989, a Northwest-Washburn University football game will take on a new look due to the fact that it will then be a conference game. Washburn, along with Missouri Western, Missouri Southern State College and Pittsburg State University, were inducted in as new members of the MIAA conference last July. The move has prompted MIAA Commissioner Ken Jones to predict that the conference will one day be the best NCAA Division II conference in the nation.

By centering competition around the Missouri area, travel will be reduced. According to MIAA statistics, a current conference team has to travel an average of 192 miles. With the expansion the number of miles will remain the same.

Gone will be the days when the Bearcat football team must travel to Orlando, Fla., or Canyon, Texas to play a game.

Southeast Missouri State and the University of Missouri-St. Louis will face the greatest increase of time on the road. Both schools will add an average of around 35 miles extra for travel.

However, these increases will apply only to four basketball games, one soccer game and no more than three football games per year.

Harris believes that interest in athletics at Missouri Western will grow because the school will compete against teams that Griffin fans can identify with.

Starting in his second year at the helm, Harris points out that membership in the Missouri Western booster club, the Gold Coat, has increased from 100 to 400 members.

The change not only has helped the schools in travel arrangements and interest among fans, it has also helped recruiting efforts among the four schools. Freshman recruits are impressed at the prospect of playing in the NCAA as opposed to the NAIA.

"The NCAA name kicks off a different feel (in the student's mind) compared to the NAIA," Harris said.

Despite the expansion, requirements for incoming freshman will not change. "Extra requirements will depend on the NCAA's plans," Mees said. "Right now, the MIAA is a bit more restrictive."

The MIAA has already felt the pressure to tighten requirements. Acts such as Proposition 64, which deals with an athlete's GPA/ACT score and chore curriculum, a shortening of sports seasons and a reduction in scholarships have all produced stricter criteria that athletes must meet in order to participate.

Despite an increase in the number of competitors, Northwest fans will not see an expansion of the number of sports played at Northwest, at least in the im-

mediate future.

"I think before we would add any additional sports we would have to cost them out in terms of attracting students and providing social development for our student body," Mees said. "We would also have to realize the more dollars going into the athletic program (that a new sport would require)."

A lack of athletic dollars sealed the program-ending fate of Northwest's wrestling program last spring. The expansion will have no effect on the program catching a second wind at Northwest.

None of the four schools entering the conference have a wrestling program.

The expansion will also have little, if any, effect on Northwest's athletic budget.

Mees feels that the expansion could bring about an increase in attendance at the games. This is about the only way the Mees feels Northwest would realize an increase in finance.

Not only could the MIAA name grow through increased attendance, it could also become familiar if games are televised.

"If we can work some television rights it could help the conference..."

Dr. John Mees
MIAA President

All four schools have television stations that report news on the schools' athletic programs.

The conference also picks up a larger population base. This point, along with the prediction that the conference could become a major force in the Division II, brings up the possibility of televised games.

"I think we will definitely be working on and that we will be able to achieve a television package which has not been possible up to now because of numbers (of schools)," Jones said. "This (possible contract) is partly a result of expanded markets...obviously you have to have televised outlets to really gain much value."

Jones would like to set up a package which would be institutional and could be sold to cable companies. His plan would be not only to televise the highly-attended sports such as football and basketball, but also to include all realms of a school's athletic program.

Mees feels that a television contract could also help the conference.

"If we can work some television rights it could help the conference which could go back possibly to each individual school," Mees said. "It may be through reduced membership fees and obviously the conference can do more promotional work too."

A television contract has been discussed in the past, but according to

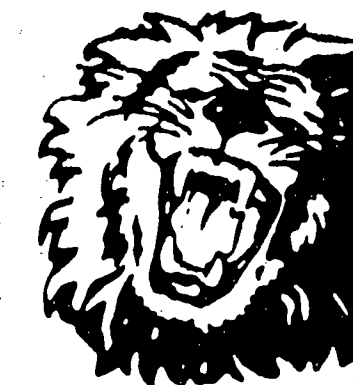
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Tennis, Men's Golf



Mees it hasn't been to feasible. Mees does not foresee a program being constructed for at least a few years.

The expansion has been beneficial to almost all involved. However, both Southeast and the University of Missouri-St. Louis have voiced some opposition towards the move.

Both schools are unhappy with the increased travel schedule that the expansion will require of them.

Rumours have been circulating throughout the conference which suggest that Southeast may explore the NCAA Division I level. Though nothing definite has been said by the school the fear is in the background.

"We (MIAA) haven't heard anything official from the representatives or from the University," Mees said. "Most of those rumours were precipitated by recruitment efforts in the basketball area."

Southeast dangled the Division I glamour in front of former Northwest Men's Assistant Basketball Coach Rick Kestner, who was hired by Southeast recently.

"Apparently (Kestner) was told, or led to believe that they were going to be pursuing Division I status in the next two years," Mees said. "I'm sure that within

the next six months we (MIAA) will be discussing that issue at the conference meetings.

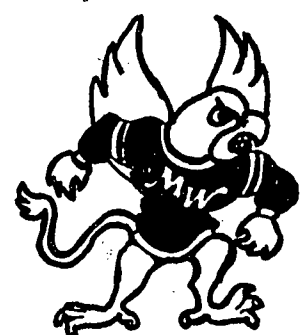
"I think that one of the things that people don't quite understand sometimes is how much money is involved and all the ramifications, it is not just a matter of going Division I basketball."

If Southeast does choose to advance to the Division I level all their sports, except one, have to be in Division I. They would thus withdraw from the MIAA due to the fact that all schools in the conference must be Division II level.

"I have been advised by a memorandum from their president that they are going to study the future of their athletic program," Jones said. "If they follow the indications of the memorandum...it would be next spring (when a decision to stay or advance would be made)."

Despite the rumours surrounding the Southeast future, the MIAA is very optimistic, and excited, about the next few months. In that time period conference officials will have the opportunity to set up the blueprints and lay down the foundation to what they hope will be the crown jewel of the NCAA Division II.

Conference officials are determined to prove that the MIAA is definitely "on the move."



MISSOURI WESTERN GRIFFONS

Location: St. Joseph, Mo.
Enrollment: 4,300
Colors: Black and Gold
Sports offered:
Football, Volleyball, Basketball (M,W),
Baseball, Softball, Tennis (W), Men's
Golf



PITTSBURG STATE GORILLAS

Location: Pittsburg, Kan.
Enrollment: 5,500
Colors: Crimson and Gold
Sports offered:
Football, Volleyball, Basketball (M,W),
Cross Country (M,W), Softball, Men's
Golf, Track (M,W)

Northwest Missourian

Reviewer raves over group

Concert rocks campus

BY JEANNIE RIGBY
Special to the *Missourian*

Were you at Lamkin Gym Friday night? If not, you don't know what you missed.

Sawyer Brown was in concert and they were fantastic. You might be saying that you don't like country music but they are not strictly country.

It has been said that they achieved their success because their music transcends boundaries.

Billboard tagged Sawyer Brown's music as boogie/rock and that is exactly what they are. Not only was the music great, the band also put on an electrifying stage performance.

One critic said, "When the spotlight hits him, lead singer and songwriter Mark Miller becomes a man possessed. He runs, bounces and struts, pulling energy from the audience and radiating it back to them with a warmth that draws screams from women and uncontrollable smiles from men."

Sawyer Brown first started working in Middle-American bars. Vocalist Mark Miller said once, "It would just kill us to see people talking and ignoring us while we play." So Sawyer Brown would stage "rowdy table contests," and whoever was the noisiest would be given a free pitcher of beer.

Sawyer Brown played one club in Oklahoma where seven major fights erupted during the course of the evening.

Times have improved for Sawyer Brown and they have worked hard to get

where they are today. Star status was achieved by working 300 days a year and recording four albums in three years.

Since February, 1985, Sawyer Brown has been on the record charts every week, with sometimes as many as four records at a time.

Sawyer Brown's home is Nashville because that is where all of their hard work began to pay off. Their booking agent wanted them to make an audition tape while they were in Nashville and when they showed up at the studio they found out it was for Star Search.

Not believing it was possible that they would be wanted for the program, they decided to "cut up" on the video. Three days later Star Search officials told them to get to Los Angeles as soon as possible.

Sawyer Brown has been going strong since that time and they show no signs of stopping. At every other concert we have had in the past year everyone who shows up just stands there like a group of zombies. But this concert seemed to make these zombies come to life.

The band must be complimented on this achievement and also for showing us what a concert should be like—fun and exciting.

On a final note, CAP's must be thanked for their hard work. If Sawyer Brown is any indication of what the rest of the year will be like then it's going to be a great year of entertainment.



Mark Miller, lead singer Sawyer Brown, becomes "a man possessed" during Friday nights performance at Lamkin Gym.
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"Make Me Laugh" entertains students over weekend

BY JON BILLMAN
Staff Writer

The promise of prizes and amusement lured Bearcats to the Union Ballroom last Saturday night as "Make Me Laugh" entertained nearly 150 Northwest students.

"Make Me Laugh" is a traveling game

show playing to over 200 college campuses a year. The show consists of an hour of stand-up comedy followed by an hour of vigorous attempts to "crack up" members of the audience.

Craig Anton, the show's host, led the hour of stand-up comedy.

"I'm a professional comedian," he said. "I used to be a bouncer at a bar...a

salad bar."

Robnoxious was the next to take the mike.

"I went to the game today, and I think we should change the mascot's name to the Beercats," he cracked.

The last comedian of the evening, Dennis "the Menace," delighted the au-

dience by escorting a little boy to the restroom.

"Okay," he whispered, "When Justin comes back, let's all give him a standing ovation." To the puzzlement of the little boy, the audience obliged.

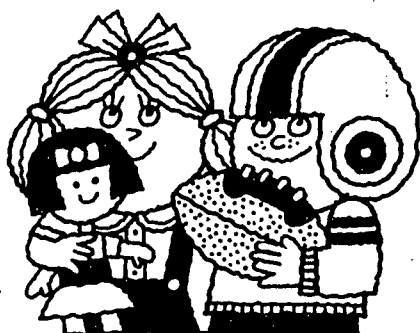
Now it was time to get "serious." A panel of judges, three CAPs members, took their seats behind a table equipped with bells and buzzers. It looked as though no one would keep a poker face as each of the three comedians took a two-minute crack at contestants drawn at random.

Masks, costumes and Gumby were all fair play as the jokesters attempted literally anything. Near the end of the show, two students endured the mayhem without laughing. Breathing heavy sighs of relief, the two were each presented \$25.

"We had more of a crowd than I expected, especially for a weekend," CAPs spokesperson Lori Thompson said. "Everything went well."

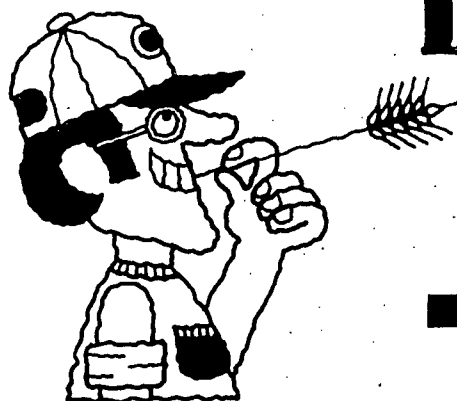
Judging from the audience's reaction, "Make Me Laugh" is certainly welcome back. Winners or not, everyone left with a smile on his face.

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The Verandas to appear on campus

BY MICHELLE CAMPBELL
Features Editor

A band which is "on the rise," the Verandas, will give a concert for Northwest students. They will perform in the Spanish Den at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22.

The Verandas are originally from the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City area but now are based out of Kansas City.

Their second album, *American Tradition*, will be released at the end of this month. Recently, they were in the *Campus Voice* New Music contest, a nationwide contest for "college music" bands. Placing second gave the Verandas' songs airplay on 500 college radio stations across the country.

Marty Fauchier is the lead vocalist and songwriter for the band. Other members of the band include Gary Darling, bass player, Bill Watts, lead guitar and and Mark Gannon, drummer.

Three of the Verandas had been in a band before. They decided that finally they could afford having a band with original music so they joined together.

Only Gannon, the drummer, has had any musical training. He holds a degree in music. The rest of the group are basically learned by ear.

Fauchier serves as the group's songwriter. His influences include The Kinks, Jimmy Hendrix, Frank Zappa and The Stones.

"They're people who are able to make



Members of the Verandas are (l-r) Mark Gannon, Gary Darling, Marty Fauchier and Bill Watts. They will be performing in the Spanish Den on Tuesday at 8 p.m. The band will release their second album at the end of this month.

social statements without being totally serious," said Fauchier.

The Veranda's song "Get Out Of My Car, You Drive Like Sh-" has an underlying theme.

"Most people have the idea of what's right and wrong," said Fauchier. "You

should do what you think is right as opposed to what people ram down your throat. You take what you are and change it for the better."

Fauchier always knew he wanted to be a band.

"I was basically a shy child and I think people are drawn to entertainment for therapy."

Marty Fauchier
Lead singer

"I always fantasized about being in a band," Fauchier said. "I sat around and listened to my brother's Kinks and Beatles albums. I was basically a shy child and I think people are drawn to entertainment for therapy."

Life as a musician has its good side and bad side. Fauchier states that the positive aspect is that it's a creative occupation where you create your own reality.

"The bad side is that we're living in a very conservative era," said Fauchier. "People don't tend to go out for something new. It's hard to survive."

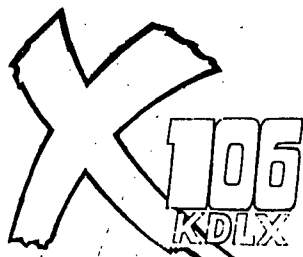
The band's main goals are to keep recording and releasing records and to get on a major record label like EMI or Polygram.

The Verandas are looking forward to performing at Northwest. Fauchier's comments to Northwest students are "come out and dance with us."

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--IFC meeting-Upper Lakeview Room-4pm
--The Coaches Show - Channel 8-6:30pm

--Yearbook portrait makeups-Colonial Room-8am
--Student payday-Cashiers Office



Friday, Sept. 18

--Last day to drop first block class
--Bearkitten volleyball-MIAA Round Robin
--Kaericher art exhibit closes-DeLuce Gallery

Saturday, Sept. 19

--Bearcat football - Missouri Western - 7:30pm
--Bearcat, 'Kitten cross country-Midwest Regional CC
--Sigma Sigma Sigma softball/mini golf tourney- Maryville Mini Golf-12pm

Sunday, Sept. 20

--Sigma Sigma Sigma softball/mini golf tourney- Maryville Mini Golf-12pm

Monday, Sept. 21

--1987 Homecoming meeting-CH 334-4pm
--Fraternity Bid Day-2nd floor Union-9am
--Variety Show Olio/MC tryouts-Union Ballroom-7pm
--Variety Show pre-eliminations-Mary Linn PAC-7pm
--FDIC Information session-University Club-5pm
--Senior portraits-Colonial Room-8am
--ROTC Rangers meeting-CH, 168-3pm
--Circle K meeting-Upper Lakeview Room-6:30pm

--CAPs meeting - Northwest Room 4:30pm

Tuesday, Sept. 22

--IFS presents "The Collector" - Wells Aud.-7pm
--FDIC job interviews-Lower Lakeview Room
--DPMA meeting - Multi-purpose room - 6:30pm
--Senior portraits-Colonial Room-8am
--Verandas in concert
--Sigma Society meeting-Brown Hall-5:30pm
--Student Senate meeting-Northwest Room-6:45pm
--PRSSA meeting - Wells Hall 126 - 3:15pm

Wednesday, Sept. 23

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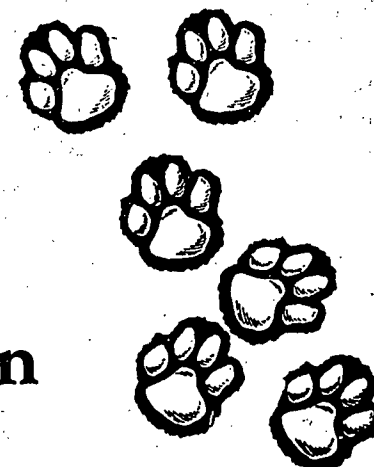
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Rivalry rekindles competitive spiritBY TROY APOSTOL
Sports Editor

Call it a gunfight, call it a showdown. Whatever title is put on this Saturday's Bearcat football game against Missouri Western, it will always be the same.

Due to proximity there has developed an ongoing rivalry with the Griffons. This rivalry was increased greatly by the 'Cats' shocking 27-26 loss to the Griffons last year. Northwest is looking for revenge.

However, fan support is a must. If anything, this Saturday's game will be as much a contest for the fans of both schools, as it will for the 22 men on the field.

For the players, the Griffons are no different than any other opponent they will face, but for the fans Missouri Western is not just another game, it is like a rivalry between two brothers.

This Saturday's game is one where not only the players, but the fans and even the school's sports directors, who have a mock trophy that the winning director gets to keep, hold a contest of school dedication. To the winning players, fans and sports director goes the claim of "Best in the land."

However, if the 'Cats are to claim that title, a little fan support wouldn't hurt.

Squad expects to finish in top fourBY KELLIE WATT
Staff Writer

Advancing to a 3-4 record after a third place finish in the Northeast Missouri State Invitational last weekend, the Bearkitten Volleyball team heads for St. Louis for the MIAA Round Robin Tournament on Friday and Saturday.

Northwest won three out of five games in the Northeast Invitational by defeating the University of Missouri-Kansas City and Quincy College. The 'Kittens ended their tournament play with another victory over Quincy in a two out of three game match, with scores of 15-4, 13-15 and 15-4. Senior Jill Tallman led the squad with 13 kills. Nan-

cy Pfeifler, senior, followed close behind with nine. Tracy Wymore had 14 assists and Kelly Cox had seven ace serves.

Although the team suffered an injury and has had to overcome many new defense strategies, the squad has adjusted and adapted quickly. According to Head Coach Peg Voisin, most of the team members were comfortable with the changes. However, there are still corrections that need to be made.

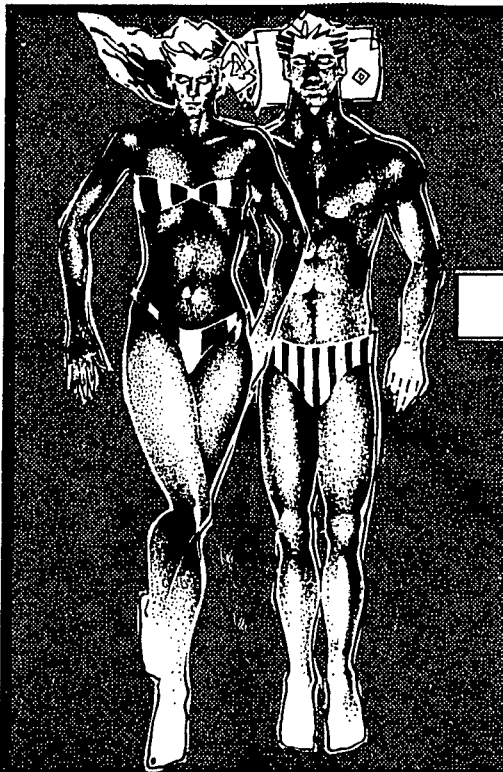
"We had to make position changes, and on certain plays some players weren't sure what they were expected to do," Voisin said. "We are still adjusting to a new system of play...overall I think the weekend was a very positive experience for everyone."

Looking ahead, Voisin expects the

'Kittens to finish in the top three or four at St. Louis. The team will play three out of five games to a match, one against each of the six MIAA schools. There is a chance of playing a maximum of 30 games. The order of finish in the tournament will be the order of seeding for the conference post-season tournament which is set to be played at Northeast on Nov. 7 and 8.

"We'll have to remember to pace ourselves through the two days of competition; volleyball can be a very emotional sport," Voisin said. "We have to work and be aggressive as a team, emotionally and physically, to win."

The following weekend the 'Kittens will compete at the Peru State Invitational in Peru, Nebr., on Saturday, Sept. 26.



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Unwanted injuries hamper defense



Photo by Scott White

Running back Robert Lee spots an opening in the defense which allowed him to score on a 15-yard run.

BY TROY APOSTOL
Sports Editor

If anyone has forgotten about last year's Bearcat football game against Missouri Western, there are plenty of Northwest players who can remind them.

Last season's game found Northwest suffering a 27-26 loss to the Griffons, who scored a game-winning touchdown with only four seconds left in the game.

This Saturday night, the injury-riddled 'Cats will have a chance for redemption when they travel to St. Joseph to take on the Griffons. Kickoff is set for 7:00 p.m. at Spratt Stadium.

Northwest Head Coach Vern Thomsen is not spending his time reflecting on the past. Thomsen is more concerned about the future.

"I hope we're ready to play them because they've got the game-breaker, they've got some great athletes," Thomsen said. "...I'm sure that we'll mention how we lost (to the players), but I don't think that will be a big motivation."

Northwest evened out its record at 1-1

with a 29-27 win over Washburn last Saturday at Rickenbrode Stadium. The Griffons also stand at 1-1 after their 41-33 home victory over Benedictine College.

In the Bearcat's game, the Northwest defense gave up all of Washburn's 27 points in the second half. After the game, Northwest Defensive Backs Coach Mark Thomsen said a number of factors came into play which slowed the defense down.

"I think that we have some adjustments to make, but we got a little tired (in the first half)," Mark Thomsen said. "We've got some quirks to make up, but our team grew up a lot today...we've got to play better deep."

Northwest will hobble onto the Missouri Western field without the help of many injured players. Three starters on defense will not see action Saturday night due to injuries.

Missouri Western will key in on Northwest's weakness in defending the option.

The Griffons field a sound offense highlighted by wide receiver Eric Hoskins, whom Vern Thomsen feels will be the best athlete that the 'Cats face this season, and tailback Pat Eckhardt.

Runner takes MIAA honor

Mark VanSickle paced his Bearcat cross country teammates to a third place finish at the Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Invitational.

At the meet, which was run last Saturday, VanSickle finished fifth in the men's division by turning in a finish of 26 minutes, five seconds. For his efforts VanSickle was named as the MIAA Men's Cross Country Runner of the Week.

Mike Hayes also aided the 'Cats' effort by finishing sixth right behind VanSickle with a 26:07 time.

Rusty Adams was the next Bearcat to break the finish line. A time of 26:36 placed Adams in ninth place.

As a team, the 'Cats finished with 111 points. Southern Indiana won the meet with 46 points. They were followed by Air Force with 69 points. In all, 16 teams competed in the men's bracket of the race.

The story was not as sweet for the 'Kitten runners, who finished sixth in the 11-school run.

The 'Kittens accumulated 185 points in the meet, which was won by Southeast Missouri State with 42 points.

Southeast, SIU-Carbondale, Murray State, Washington University of St. Louis and Missouri Baptist finished ahead of the 'Kittens in team standings.

Tammy King was the first 'Kitten to cross the line finishing in 29th place with a 21:05 time.

Denise Ibsen followed her up in 30th place with a time of 21:13.

This Saturday, both Northwest squads will travel to Kenosha, Wis., for the Midwest Regional Championships.

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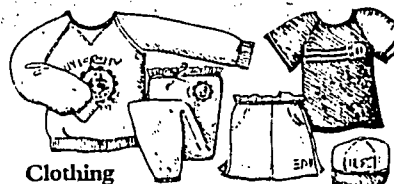
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School.....	Overall Record
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NWMSU.....	1-1-0
SEMSU.....	1-1-0
UMR.....	1-1-0
CMSU.....	0-2-0
LI.....	0-2-0

Northwest athletes in the news
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6 p.m.-Constitution Program
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Friday, Sept. 18
7 p.m.-Patriotic Pre-Game Show
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Saturday, Sept. 19
9 a.m.-Colonial Craft Festival
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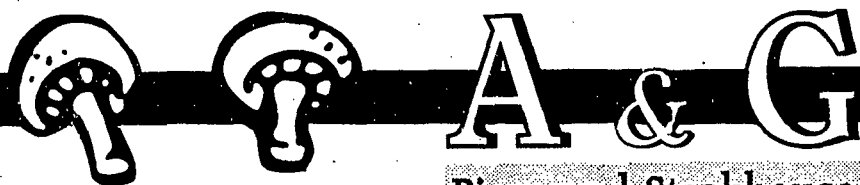
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